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This practical guide is one of a series aimed at assisting academics in higher education in researching specific aspects of their work. Focusing on small-scale insider research in colleges and universities, the handbook covers contemporary issues, research methods, and existing practice and values in the area of teaching methods. Strategies for research on interactive teaching methods, small and large group teaching and student learning are proposed. Aspects of research specifically addressed include the uses of information technology in research; autonomous and flexible learning; group size and course design; peer teaching and collaboration; resource-based learning; knowledge of subject disciplines; and interpersonal and institutional factors that initiate change in teaching methods. Many examples of research instruments and suggestions for their use or adaptation are included. The last chapter discusses writing for publication and includes a list of publishers and journals of educational research. (Individual chapters contain references.) (PRW)

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